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***INJUNCTION DISSOLVED AND
HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION
ALLOWED TO CONTINUE***

Savannah: Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that on December 18, 2003, U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield entered an Order granting summary judgment and dissolving a preliminary injunction that had prohibited the Federal Highway Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation from completing construction of the Harry S. Truman Parkway Interchange.

The lawsuit was originally filed by the plaintiffs, residents of the Sandfly Community in Savannah, in February 2003 in federal district court in Atlanta. Federal and state government officials were ordered by a federal judge to halt the project pending the outcome of the litigation. The case was subsequently transferred to the Southern District of Georgia. The government agencies sought to have the injunction dissolved and summary judgment entered in their favor. In granting their motions, Judge Edenfield dissolved the injunction which allows State and County officials to complete the final phases of the project. The plaintiffs have sixty days to appeal the district court's ruling.

Mr. Thompson and Assistant United States Attorney Delora Grantham, Chief of the Civil Division, represented the Federal Highway Administration in this case.

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